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Serial No.: 09/765,518 Art Unit: N/A
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. It is believed that no fee is due at the present time as this statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, should any fee be missing or insufficient, authorization is

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hereby given to charge said fee (or credit any overpayment) to deposit account number 12-2147.

Filed herewith are copies of each of the three references listed on form PTO-1449, all of which were cited in the Austrian Priority case (A 80/2000).

In the opinion of the Austrian Examiner, DE 4234920 A1 (Audi AG) and EP 0278931 A2 (Volvo Penta AB) only define the general state of the art and are not considered to be of particular relevance. With regards to DE 3334429 A1 (Lindenberg Aggregate GmbH) the following concise explanation is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(3)(i). Accordingly, DE 3334429 A1 shows an engine-generator arrangement comprising an internal combustion engine whose output shaft is connected to the drive shaft of the generator by way of an elastic coupling. The engine itself is connected to the generator by way of a coupling casing system, the coupling casing system forming a unitary one piece structure.


While this statement contains all the relevant information presently known to the Applicants, it should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no other relevant information exists. Moreover, the Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation

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of the cited references to determine their relevance to the subject matter of the present application.

Finally, the Applicants urge that their claims are patentably distinguishable over all disclosed relevant information or any combination thereof.

Respectfully Submitted,
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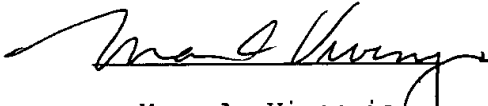
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